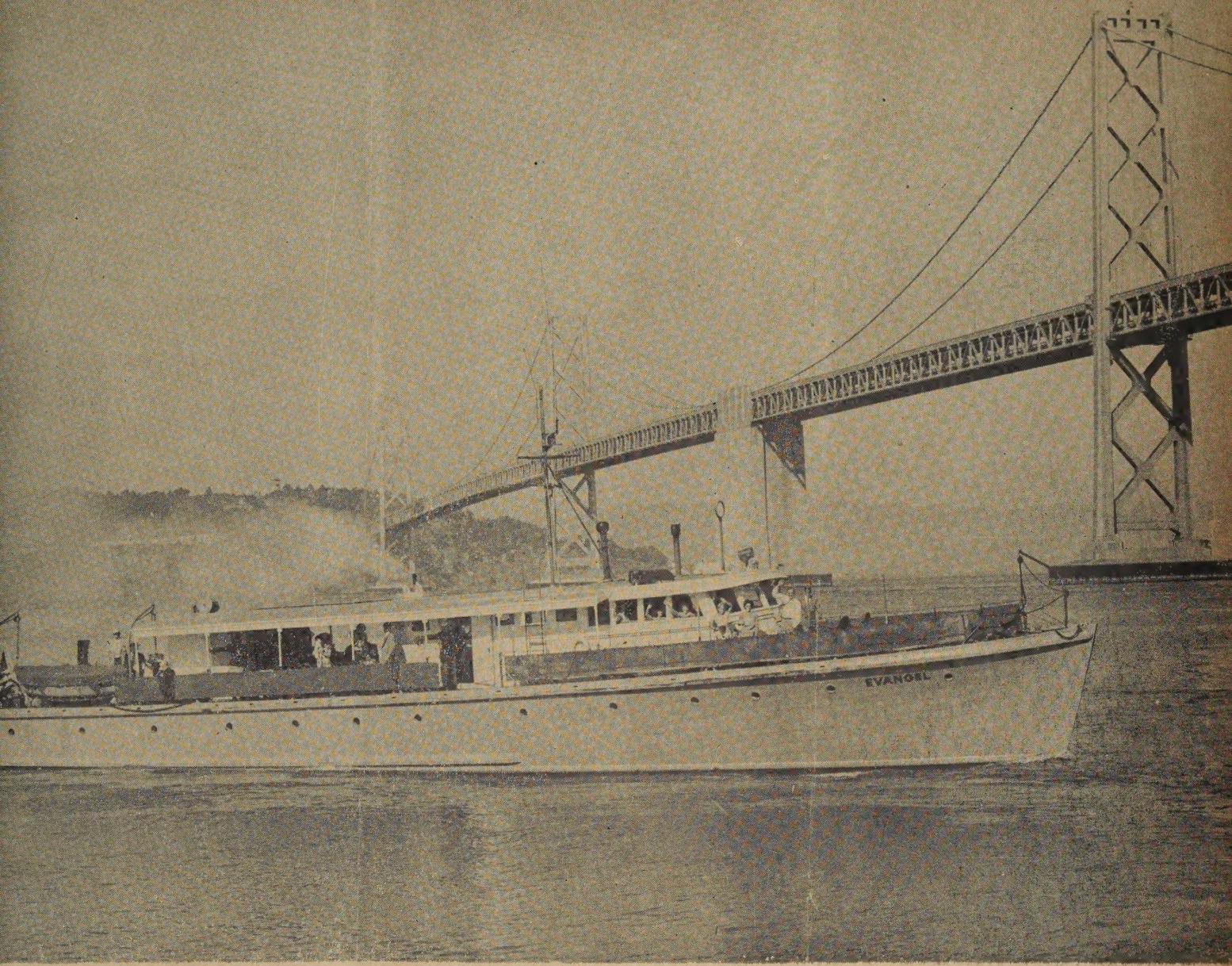


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Editorial . . .

I Got a Lump in My Throat

A seal dipped and glided near by, making ripples in the glassy surface of the water as it seemed to display curiosity in the activity taking place in an otherwise quiet Sunday afternoon on San Francisco's water front. Tied to the dock, the little ship bobbed and rolled, though slightly, even in the tranquil waters of the bay, and it tugged at the imagination and stirred the hearts of those who saw it.

Beside the great piers built to accommodate the large ships that ply the Pacific the *M. V. Evangel* was dwarfed as it rested practically in the shadows of the great transbay bridge that stretches to the eastern shore. High tide brought its railing even with the dock. While we were there the tide ebbed lowering the little ship so much that it was not without difficulty the ladies went aboard or returned to the dock. It compared in size to a tug at a nearby pier, the latter built for service within the boundaries of the bay or not too far from the coastal shore. But the *Evangel* was getting ready to sail the Pacific, to carry stout-hearted men and women who are taking the gospel message to the land of Indonesia, a land scattered in island pieces over a vast area of the southern seas. This little ship, built originally to do rescue work in the last war, is now recommissioned to do rescue work of a different nature. It will bring messengers of the way of life to people who have yet to hear that Jesus came to save them from the burden and consequence of sin.

It looked so small. It has such a large task ahead. So much depends upon its miniature sturdiness, the skill of its skip-

per, and the faithfulness of its crew. They didn't have to go, these gospel volunteers, except for the compulsion that moves men to dare and to do for the cause of the master who Himself has done so much for a lost world.

The service that Sunday afternoon, that formally dedicated the little ship to its mission, did things to the crowd gathered to see it and to join in prayer for its safe arrival on distant shores and for future usefulness in the missionary work of the Devin family and their helpers. The crowd was led in song but some of us could not sing. There was a lump in my throat.

So much expected from such a little boat—so much faith in a frail vessel. Yet this was not a foolhardy venture—it was built to take it. And once there, it could link the islands as beads on a string, sewing them together with regular visits and interchange of workers.

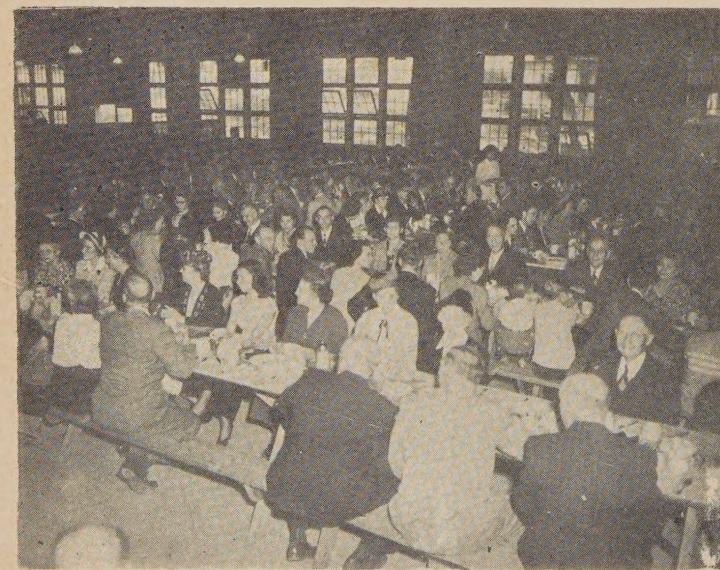
There was the thrill of challenge, of respect, and of admiration. There is work ahead for the little *Evangel*.

The lump could not be swallowed—it had to melt away when we left the scene, praying that the little boat will teach us to face the seas of the future, making sure as did her crew that it is properly equipped and everything is in running order.

When that was taken care of, a few days later, out the Golden Gate she headed into the setting sun, to a land beyond, where the Master calls. To the unuttered question that flitted through our thoughts—can she make it?—it seemed we could hear the little ship reply, as we listened in on the band of imagination. "I was built for this."

After many days on the wide open seas, she's made it.

—M. M.



Below—Part of the crowd that enjoyed the fellowship dinner at G. T. B. I. the day the school was dedicated. Over 350 were served.

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GOD'S LOVE

God's love is like a mountain

That lifts us to the sky.

God's love is like a fountain

Where all the world is dry

God's love is like the power

Of ocean's rushing tide.

God's love is like a flower,

Sweetened and glorified.

God's love is like an organ tone

With maidens' voices clear.

God's love is like our dearest own

When no one else is near.

Of all most fair, of all most blest.

Between the sky and sod.

The dearest and the holiest—

That is the love of God.

—AMOS R. WELLS

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man but the man to fit the robe.

IT'S NOT ALL DONE

It will take several weeks more to work to finish the school. Some finishing touches await the attention of skilled carpenters. Then there is the heating plant, which is a small project. A central plant, it will heat the dormitories and the classrooms, as well as the two cabin courts. It is so arranged that warm air, heated by hot water pipes, will be conveyed through the circulation system, which has an outlet in every room. This should provide even temperature through the year.

This, of course, is expense added to the indebtedness already incurred. So there is need for much more giving, all that our people can do, either individually or through their churches.

Construction could not be paced with the contribution if the school was to be ready for this school year as was voted at the last District Council. Indebtedness had to be incurred so that progress would not have to be delayed. Now we must continue to work on the problem of payment. We solicit your best co-operation financially and in prayer.

Our District fellowship has been hearing much the last few months about the building program at Bethany Park. In print and picture we've been telling about the monthly progress of the construction and have been trying to get the people and churches to sense the urgency of the need; for it has taken material and labor, welded together under the competent supervision, to put into form the new home for our District school, Glad Tidings Bible Institute. In fellowship meetings, rallies, and by visits of school representatives to local churches, the news and need have been made known.

Now the buildings are in service, though still in need of proper equipment and the finishing touches that could wait while something more pressing was taken care of. For the opening day of school arrived and found much to be done to be really ready for company. Crews worked far into the night both Friday and Saturday, two days before the opening, to get the floor covering, asphalt tile, all down before the new occupants would come in with their things. Many windows were washed and other clean-up jobs were done but still there was much left to be done after school got under way.

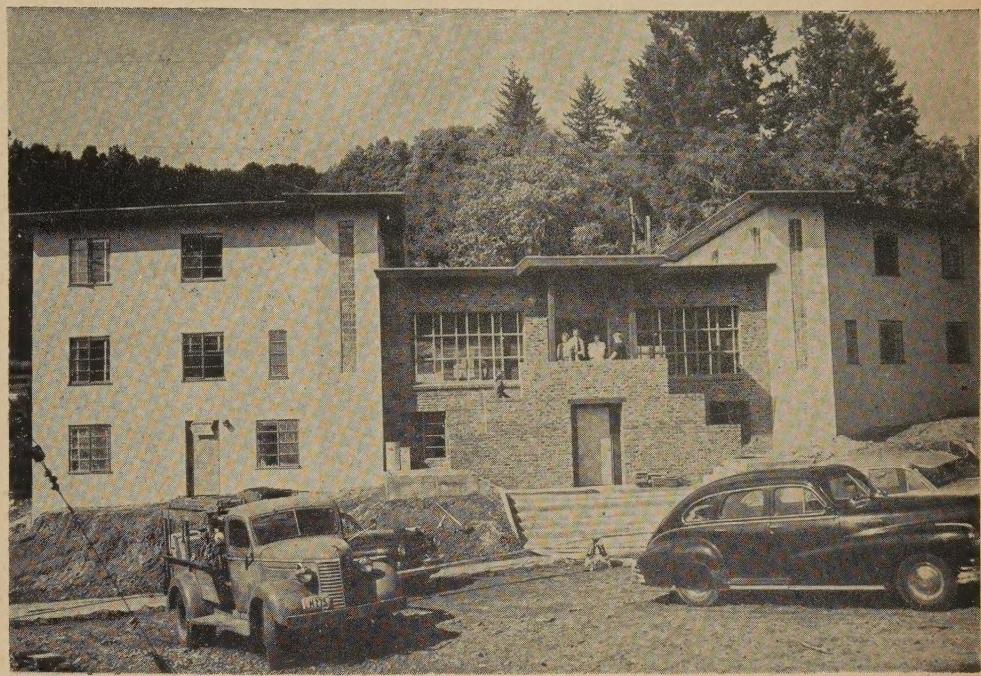
Some of the furniture is being made under the supervision of Brother Louis E. Weston, whose hobby is woodworking. His experience and skill have come in good stead as he and capable workmen put together chests of drawers that fit into their special corners in the rooms. Brother Weston will always have a reminder of his work, for he has suffered the most serious accident during all the construction of this great project; he lost a finger in the machinery that cuts the wood for special joints. It is really remarkable, considering all the man hours of labor taken to erect such buildings, that there have not been more serious accidents, or mishaps worthy of the name of accident. For this too we thank the Lord.

On a hill overlooking the tabernacle area stand the new school buildings, their light green stucco blending well with the green of the trees that rise around them. The brick-faced entrance to the dormitories adds beauty and increased appearance of stability to the building. Brother E. O. Robeck, its designer and the superintendent of construction all the way through this huge task is most certainly to be congratulated upon a job well done, both as to planning and as to execution.

Practically all of the work in the entire construction and equipment job has been done by our own people, 98 per cent if not more. The payroll had as many as 65 at a time on it. Some of the workmen worked at reduced pay rate, some as much as 50 per cent; others donated days of work; and others for a

New School Now In Use

Impressive Dedication Service September 18



The Dormitories

Photo courtesy of Santa Cruz Sentinel-News

time received the current scale, depending on the situation of the workman and the circumstances under which his services were secured. With all this saving, the labor costs to September 15 amounted to \$41,468.24. The cost of the materials used to the same date amounted to \$59,585.12. The buildings stand a monument to the District's hope and faith in the future of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. They provide 22,500 square feet of housing, which includes 72 dormitory rooms and two apartments, as well as 18 rooms in the cabin courts; 5,200 square feet of classroom space, including four large rooms for class sessions and a still more attractive assembly room, which is to serve as chapel. All this was produced at a cost of \$3.85 per square foot, a figure to marvel at in these days when the average cost for comparable build-

ing accommodations would run around \$9.00 a square foot.

For those interested in such statistics we give the following account of material used:

210.672 feet of lumber, 10,836 feet of pipe (heating and plumbing; over two miles), 6,000 feet conduit (for electric wiring), 8,450 yards of lath, 1,400 sacks cement, 750 sacks plaster, 65 rolls stucco wire, 60 kegs nails (3 tons), 450 sacks Panacalite, 125 rolls building paper, 7,000 bricks, 1,550 panes of glass, 1,000 pounds of putty, 146 doors, 134 plumbing fixtures, 90 medicine cabinets, 400 cases asphalt tile (32,000 pieces).

Come on over to Bethany Park and see all this put together to make the new Bible Institute, buildings of which the District may be justly proud.



The Assembly Hall and Classroom Building stands across the road from the dormitories.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

80 Per Cent of Crimes Never Solved

Only one-half of one per cent of the persons arrested for crimes each year see the inside of a prison. And 80 per cent of the crimes committed never are solved.

The authority for those statements is Walter Gordon, chairman of the state adult authority and the man who largely is responsible for the parole of California prisoners.

For example, he says, of the 600,000 persons arrested for investigation in California during a year, 100,000 actually are booked in a police station. By the time these cases go through the courts, 12,000 persons are convicted but only 3,000 serve prison terms.

Gamblers Move Into Legitimate Fields

The Senate Crime Committee has told Congress that organized criminals not only have a strong grip on gambling and related illegal activities but also are fast moving into legitimate business fields.

Organized criminals, the committee reported, "are able to compete unfairly with legitimate businessmen because of their accumulations of cash and their vicious methods" which include violence, bribery, corruption and intimidation.

The gangsters have been attracted particularly to enterprises where large amounts of cash are handled or which have black market potentialities. These enterprises include hotels, restaurants, night clubs, meat and provision companies, liquor stores, beer and whisky distributorship, automobile dealerships and even small steel companies.

"Recently transportation companies and public utilities, which have large purchasing programs, have been added to the list," the report said. "They control some banks and are in a position to provide large sums of cash capital for many purposes."

Peterson asserted his best guess is that criminal gangs are draining \$20,000,000,000 a year from the normal channels of trade, with part of the profits going into business investments.

Delinquent Parents Cause of Crime

Delinquent parents are the major cause of crime, Chairman Walter Gordon of the California Adult Authority told state district attorneys at the opening of their annual convention at Tahoe Tavern.

Gordon said delinquent parents fall into four categories:

1-The overindulgent who mistake discipline for punishment.

2-The underindulgent who retard normal development of their children by making all decisions.

3-The vacillating, whose inconsistent commands bewilder and confuse youngsters.

4-Parents who consciously or unconsciously reject their children.

Alcoholics Cost State Plenty

Some 720,000 chronic alcoholics in California are costing the state \$280,000,000 annually, W. L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health, told the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism. He stated that California liquor tax revenue totals \$24,500,000 a year. (Note the vast difference in the revenue and the cost). Dr. Halverson said California (second in the nation in alcoholic consumption) has 4,800,000 drinkers in a population of 7,250,000 persons over 21. Of these he said that 290,000 are heavy drinkers and 72,000 are chronic alcoholics. "The sale of alcohol will not be controlled like the sale of narcotics until public opinion recognizes it as a comparable evil," he asserted.

The Menace

The U.S.S.R.'s League of Militant Godless was disbanded in 1941 to boost war time morale, and possibly to please the other nations of the Grand Alliance. But the fact marked no real change in Russia's rulers; religion was still a menace.

Last week the Soviet Society for Political and Scientific Research, by way of the Leningrad radio, announced a new, all-out campaign against the "medieval Christian outlook." The drive, to be conducted on "an entirely scientific basis," will involve pamphlets. Trumpeted the society's chairman: "The struggle against the Gospel and Christian legend must be conducted ruthlessly and with all the means of the disposal of Communism."

Super World Unit

In line with the thought in the above "Observation" is a recent suggestion by Dr. Albert Einstein. He urges, according to the U.S., that "All stockpiled atom bombs be handed over to a super world organization." Prophecy reveals that such a super world organization will be formed by the antichrist when the coming "Roman Empire" of prophecy is organized. All signs—the partial return of Israel to Palestine, wars and rumors of wars, church apostasy, world-wide missionary effort, growing crime wave, and the development of a southern and western European league of nations—point to the soon coming of the Lord!

Atom Dust Weapon—The Worst Yet

In the September issue of *Science Digest*, Fritz Leiber says "the H-Bomb presents mankind the most momentous problem it has faced." "If the hydrogen bomb works," says a University of Chicago Nuclear Institute professor, "The United States could be attacked in this manner. A hydrogen bomb explosion could be set off on a north-south line in the Pacific approximately 1,000 miles west of California. The radio-active dust would reach California in about a day (carried along by the prevailing winds), and New York in four or five days, killing most life as it traversed the continent." "This possibility may have a profound effect on any future war. Any nation with a sufficient number (probably under 500) of H-bombs will be able to wipe out the human race, itself included. Faced with an ultimatum, it will be able to say, Invade us, and"

Atomic Age

It would take 400,000,000 hydrogen atoms to make a line an inch long.

The density of the atom at its nucleus is so great that one cubic centimeter would weigh 100,000,000 tons. That is not the statement of a crackpot, but no less an authority than Dr. Chas. A. Thomas of the great Monsanto Chemical Co., director of the atomic energy project at Oak Ridge, Tenn. One pound of matter of any kind has the equivalent of 14 billion, 400 million kilowatts of electricity, which will, when converted by fission instantly into energy, produce a flash heat of the same number of degrees—one may be appalled at the cataclysmic potentialities wrapped up in a hydrogen bomb, say with 700 pounds of the critical element—provided such a bomb could be made.

"What would be the result of the impact of such an explosion on the crust of the earth? On the atmosphere, which has in it 34,500 tons of nitrogen over every acre of the earth's surface? Nitrogen is the element from which nitroglycerine and other high explosives are made. "There are 640 acres to the square mile and 200,000,000 square miles on the earth's surface. Just multiply the 34,500 tons of nitrogen per acre by 640, and the result by 200,000,000 and you will have the total amount of the nitrogen in the atmosphere above us, and be in a position to understand what Peter meant in 2 Peter 3:10 when he said: 'the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.' Yes such could be the end of man's 'atomic age.'

An infidel is a man who builds a house without windows and then blames God because he has to live in the dark.

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God can use a weak man, but He has no use for a lazy one.

Concerning Inconsistencies

J. Narver Gortner

We are exhorted in God's Word to walk in wisdom toward them which are without. The people of this world are divided into two great classes, the saved and the unsaved, the believers and the unbelievers, them which are within and them which are without. On that day when the flood that God sent in the days of Noah began there were these two classes: those who were within the ark and those who were without the ark, and all who were in were saved and all who were outside perished in the flood. Not one who was inside perished, not one who was outside was saved. Thus God, through His written Word, impresses upon humanity the importance of being in the ark of safety, and our ark of safety is Jesus Christ. The people of this world, then, are divided into the two classes: those who are in Christ and those who are outside of Christ. Of course it goes without saying that these two classes are also divided into groups. Some of the saved have gone on farther with God than have others, some are baptized in the Spirit and some are not, and some of the unsaved are much more wicked, much lower down in the scale of human degradation, much more depraved, than are others. But the fact remains, and will remain until the final consummation, that there are just two great classes, the saved and the unsaved.

And there would be many more saved than there are if all the saved would live as children of God ought to live. After Gideon had defeated the Midianites in battle, and had taken the two kings of Midian, Zevah and Zalmunna, captive, he asked his royal captives, "What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor?" and they replied, "As thou art, so were they; each resembled the children of a king." Judges 8:18. I have been thinking how wonderful it would be if all the children of God were so conformed to the divine image as we see that image reflected in the Lord Jesus that it could be said of them, "Each resembles the children of a king," yea, the children of the King, "the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God." But such, sad to say, is not the case.

After David had committed a double crime, the crime of adultery and murder, the prophet Nathan came to him and said, "Thou has given great occasion unto the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme." And it is doubtless true that the inconsistencies of professing Christians have given, and are giving great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blasphemously reproach the church and Christianity. But it is the fault of neither the church nor Christianity that Chris-

Ians live inconsistent lives. God is not to be blamed, and the Bible is not to be blamed, as it was the fault of neither God nor the law that David sinned. God had spoken, the law had been given, and David knew what was right and what was wrong. He knew, moreover, that through faith it was possible for him to be an overcomer. Had he not gone forth, when stupendous odds appeared to be against him, and achieved through faith in Jehovah a great victory over Goliath? Of course he knew what the law of God required, and that it was possible to keep that law by the grace of God. But he had probably neglected prayed, and his heart had grown cold, and so he became an easy prey for the adversary who was looking for an opportunity then as he has been looking for an opportunity ever since to lead some servant of the Most High into sin and thus give occasion unto the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

Notice the fact that the only people who are given by the inconsistencies of Christians occasion to blaspheme are the enemies of the Lord. And it is doubtless true that there are many grades or degrees of blasphemy. When somebody looks at the inconsistent act of some professing Christian who had failed in some particular, possibly in some very minor particular, and says, "There is one of your Christians," he is guilty of blasphemy, and so he links himself by his criticism to the enemies of the Lord.

But the object of this article is to point out the fact that the cause of Christ is not to be blamed for the faults of those who have espoused it. Many Pentecostal people have erred previously, and have brought reproach upon Pentecostal truth by their behaviour which has not been according to godliness, but critics should be very careful lest in criticising people who have erred they criticise the truth which those who erred had espoused or had professed to have espoused.

To blame Christianity because some Christians have not lived uprightly or to heap censure upon the church because some church members have gone wrong doctrinally or otherwise is wrong. It is the fault of neither Christianity nor the church.

The Adventists believe that Christ will come, and come soon, and so do we. They do not believe in setting a date for His coming, and neither do we. But some among them have been guilty of the folly of setting a date. A few years ago a prophetess among them prophesied that on a certain day Jesus would come. And she secured quite a following. Here in Oakland there was a group of twenty-five or thirty of them. They invited one

of our workers, Sister Weitz, to attend one of their meetings, and she attended. The leader asked again and again during the service, "What is to take place on such and such a day?" naming the day the prophetess had said the Lord would come, and they all said in concert, "Jesus will come," and they were all evidently sincere; they believed what their prophetess had predicted. Sister Weitz was asked through courtesy to speak. She breathed a prayer to the Lord for wisdom, and then rose and said, "I owe much to the Adventist people, for it was through them that I got light of the second coming of Jesus, and I believe that you are all sincere in thinking that Jesus is going to come on this particular date, but I must tell you that I think you are mistaken in setting a date, or in following blindly one who has done such an unscriptural thing as to set a date. It is important that we should be ready every day for the Lord's coming, and should He come at the time you believe He will come I trust I shall be ready. But listen to this word of exhortation that I believe is from the Lord: if He does not come that day do not allow the enemy to make you believe that, since you have been mistaken concerning this matter, it may be that you are mistaken concerning other matters, too, and that there is nothing in salvation, and thus induce you to give it up, and cease to serve the Lord. Just confess that you were misled in this matter, but hold on to the Lord." And the other day Sister Weitz told me that one of the good sisters came to her afterwards, and, being so disappointed because Jesus had not come at the specified time, wondered if she was saved, or ever had been saved. When asked if she had ever had a definite experience, if she had ever definitely accepted Jesus as her Saviour, she said, "Yes, but I don't keep Sunday, and do you think I am saved?" Our sister told her that nowhere in the Word is it said that those who keep Sunday will be saved or that those who keep some other day will be lost, but that salvation depends not upon the observance of a day or upon the observance of days, but upon a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, and that this involves an acceptance of the truth that He proclaimed and that He asserted sets men free.

The sincerity of those who accepted the prophecy of the prophetess who prophesied falsely is evidenced by the fact that some of them actually sold their homes and gave the money to the prophetess, as they believed Jesus was coming and they would not need them. When the prophecy failed to come true the prophetess disappeared. Shall we blame the Adventists, as a whole, for the false prophecy of the prophetess whose prophecy did not come true? No, for they

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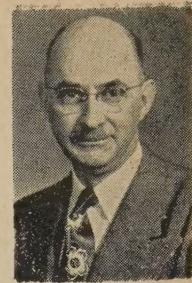
Up-to-date figures of the contributions for the new home of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Where pledges and contributions are shown, the contributions apply on the total pledged.

Received to September 25	(Pledged)	(Contributed)		
G. T. B. I. Veterans' Club	\$5000.00	\$3,732.32	Oakland Bethany	150.00
G. T. B. I. Alumni Association	100.00		Oakland Bethel	500.00
District W. M. C.	50.00		Oakland Calvary	41.57
From Churches			Oakland First Church	1000.00
Alameda Glad Tidings		161.96	Oakland Grace	50.00
Aptos Assembly		26.64	Olivehurst Assembly	10.00
Benicia Assembly		120.65	Oroville Assembly	135.16
Bethany Park (Campground S. S.)		376.57	Pacific Grove First Pentecostal	200.00
Blue Lake Assembly		8.00	Palo Alto Glad Tidings	256.00
Boonville Assembly		10.00	Patterson Assembly	25.00
Boyes Springs Assembly		80.01	Petaluma Full Gospel	300.00
Briceland Redwood Chapel		25.00	Pinedale Assembly	12.86
Burlingame Assembly		96.94	Pittsburg Assembly of God	250.00
Ceres Glad Tidings	500.00	309.95	Pittsburg Bella Vista Assembly	34.00
Chico Assembly		250.00	Placerville Full Gospel	50.00
Colfax Assembly		7.00	Redding Assembly	85.00
Colusa Assembly		45.86	Redwood City Full Gospel	252.81
Corning Full Gospel		190.00	Richmond Full Gospel	1100.00
Cotati Assembly	128.00	40.63	Rio Dell Friendly Tab.	958.71
Covelo Assembly		25.00	Ripon Good Tidings	17.00
Cupertino Trinity Church		12.90	Riverbank Assembly	25.00
Delhi Good Tidings		216.00	Roseville Glad Tidings Tab.	52.44
Dunsmuir Assembly		200.00	Sacramento Bethel	250.00
El Cerrito Assembly		250.00	Salinas Alisal	500.00
Empire Assembly		30.15	Salinas Calvary	800.00
Eureka Pentecostal Tab.		177.00	San Francisco Bethel	731.00
Escalon Assembly		650.00	San Francisco Calvary	308.56
Fairfield Glad Tidings		22.13	San Francisco Glad Tidings	500.00
Firebaugh Assembly		18.25	San Francisco Sunset	239.02
Garberville Assembly and C.A.'s		175.00	San Jose Bethel	17.65
Gilroy Glad Tidings	350.00	150.00	San Jose Calvary	12.15
Gilroy C. A.'s		25.00	San Jose First Assembly	704.25
Grass Valley Bethel Church		100.00	San Rafael Assembly	500.35
Gridley Assembly		100.00	Santa Cruz First Assembly	562.35
Healdsburg Assembly	175.28	72.28	Santa Rosa Assembly	224.74
Hollister Full Gospel		157.50	Sebastopol Assembly	110.00
Kerman Grace & Truth		44.18	St. Helena Assembly	1000.00
Keyes Assembly		25.00	Stirling City Assembly	50.00
Klamath Assembly		25.00	Stockton Calvary	20.00
Le Grande Assembly		15.00	Sunnyvale First Assembly	55.00
Lincoln Full Gospel		100.00	Susanville Assembly	100.00
Live Oak Assembly		120.00	Tranquility Assembly	350.00
Lodi First Assembly		550.00	Tulelake Full Gospel	40.00
Los Banos Full Gospel		34.00	Tuolumne Bethel Tabernacle	20.00
Los Gatos Lighthouse Assembly		101.00	Turlock Bethel	55.00
Madera Pentecostal Tab.	198.00	398.00	Ukiah Gospel Tabernacle	100.00
Martinez Assembly		63.50	Vallejo First Assembly	241.25
Menlo Park Assembly		114.85	Vallejo North Assembly	500.00
Merced Assembly		30.00	Watsonville (Pajaro)	90.00
Modesto Bethel		1000.00	Weed Glad Tidings	105.00
Modesto Pentecostal Assembly		410.29	Weott Assembly	100.00
Montague Assembly		26.00	Willits Assembly	13.00
Morgan Hill Full Gospel	500.00	315.81	Winters Assembly	22.73
Napa Full Gospel		133.18	Woodland Full Gospel	50.36
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Brother Thurmond Attends General Presbyters Meeting

On Brother Gaston's recommendation, due to the shortage of District funds because of the pressing needs of the school building program, it was agreed by the general presbyters and officers of the district that I should be the only one to go to Springfield to the 1950 General Presbyters meeting. This was because of my being the chairman of the committee working on pension plans.

The report of the General Superintendent, W. R. Steelberg, was an interesting account of the general conditions throughout the fellowship.

It was voted to seat the missionary secretaries representing the various fields, the district secretaries, Evangel editor, and the school heads, granting them the privilege of the floor but not to vote. The matter of their being regularly seated was discussed at length in a later session. There was considerable opinion that inasmuch as 19 Districts elect their Secretaries to the General Presbytery, the matter of seating them and granting them a vote could well be settled by this means. What to do regarding the others will be considered at the next General Council.

Brother J. R. Flower, the General Secretary, reported that we have over 6,000 churches and over 6,000 ordained ministers in our fellowship, an over-all gain of 350 to the list of ministers, but not that many churches. Though of course we should be glad for the show of growth, credentials committees, it is believed, might well exercise more caution and restraint in passing on applications, possibly enforcing the requirements regarding the reading courses or recommend use of the correspondence course provided by headquarters. The office staff has had to be enlarged due to the growth of the general fellowship, which is well over 275,000, probably close to 300,000. Since the last meeting 39 ministers have been taken by death, 28 dropped from the fellowship, and 81 have withdrawn. Some of the latter went to other organizations, but many lapsed because of secular work and inactivity.

The General Treasurer's report showed that it was necessary to make up a

deficit for some of the departments, such as the C.A.'s, Radio Department, Foreign Missions Department Expense and General offices. At the time of the meeting there were 140 applications waiting their turn for loans from the Church Extension Fund. This explains why our churches not infrequently have a long wait, sometimes more than a year, to secure a building loan from headquarters. The Ministers' Benevolence fund has been serving some of our aged and infirm ministers faithfully through the year. There are 135 checks mailed out monthly to help in their need.

The Foreign Missions Secretary, Noel Perkin, reported that the missions fields show that there are 202,362 baptized believers, with 15,005 who are preparing for baptism, making a total of 217,367. There are 3,573 native workers, 8,236 stations and outstations, 614 missionaries under full appointment and 73 who are working in co-operation with the Missions Department, making a total of 687, 27 of whom are superannuated. Our missionaries are working in 48 countries and 59 mission fields. The Missions Department income for the past 11 months was \$2,189,147.49. Of this, \$123,721.35 was returned to the Districts under the world missions plan. Because of the uncertainties and the costs and problems of maintaining operational personnel, drastic changes may be necessary, even to the sale or leasing of the plane. The Department has purchased 24 acres of grounds next to C.B.I. for development as a missionary home. On his trip to Hawaii this year, Brother Perkin presided at the organization of a new District. The Hawaiian District Council has a membership of nearly 40 ordained and licensed ministers.

Brother Fred Volger, who heads the Department of Benevolence told us that the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, has had from 60 to 73 children during the year. The property is valued now at \$86,259.97. The operational cost calls for a budget of \$2,000 a month. The retirement home at Pinellas Park, Florida, is now caring for seven ministers and three missionaries.

The operational cost is about \$60 a month per person. An offering of \$1.00 each was received later from all present.

A motion was passed that it be recommended that each church give \$1.00 a month and each minister a \$1.00 a year for benevolences.

The report of Brother R. M. Riggs, Secretary of the Education Department, showed a total enrollment of 2,878 in our Bible schools and colleges for the school year 1949-50, with 201 faculty members.

Because of the deficit in the C.A. Department, it was voted that up to 10 per cent may be taken from Speed-the-Light funds for the operating expenses of the department. Heretofore five per cent has been deducted. It is thought that possibly seven per cent will be sufficient.

During the past year the Gospel Publishing House did a business amounting to \$1,409,489. It is now printing 28 publications totaling 41 million copies, not including song books and some other minor books. Though sales were considerably more than the year previous, the profit was less because of the increase in cost of labor and materials, as well as having the added expense of moving and for the installation of a new business system. The new Gospel Publishing House has cost approximately \$1,400,000. In former years the Publishing House profits had been used to meet the deficits in other departments, but now these profits are needed to cover the cost of more new equipment and the retiring of the indebtedness on the new plant.

Though the Pensions Committee had met twice and its members had been making investigation as possible during the year, no definite recommendation was ready. The Nebraska District has already adopted a plan considered last January by several of the centrally located Districts. So far 12 of the churches have accepted the plan, which calls for ministers and churches to pay in three per cent of their income into the fund. By the time of the next General Council it will be known how workable this plan is. It was thought best to study the field of pensions further and to defer recommendation until the meeting at the General Council in Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Robert Cunningham, who has been serving as acting editor of the

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THE MV EVANGEL

A visitor to our District has been the M. V. *Evangel* (see front cover). This, the newest Speed-the-Light project, is an ocean going vessel which will be used as a missionary ship in the Islands of Indonesia. After being purchased and outfitted in Seattle she made a trial run down to San Francisco before departing on the trans-Pacific voyage to her field of labor. This particular project is the second large-scale type of equipment to be purchased by the Assemblies of God young people to aid the world-wide missionary program of our movement. The B-17 airliner, better known as the *Ambassador*, is the other project which has been serving the missions Department with flights to all parts of the earth.

The M. V. (motor vessel) *Evangel* has been purchased for about \$12,000. though its original value was much greater than that. As a Naval craft it was designed and built for air-sea rescue work during the war. With a few changes here and there and rearrangement she has been rigged for missionary duty. A huge walk-in freezer, enlarged sleeping quarters, a state room with piano and furnishings, and extended awnings have made this boat ready for a great work in the Islands of the Sea.

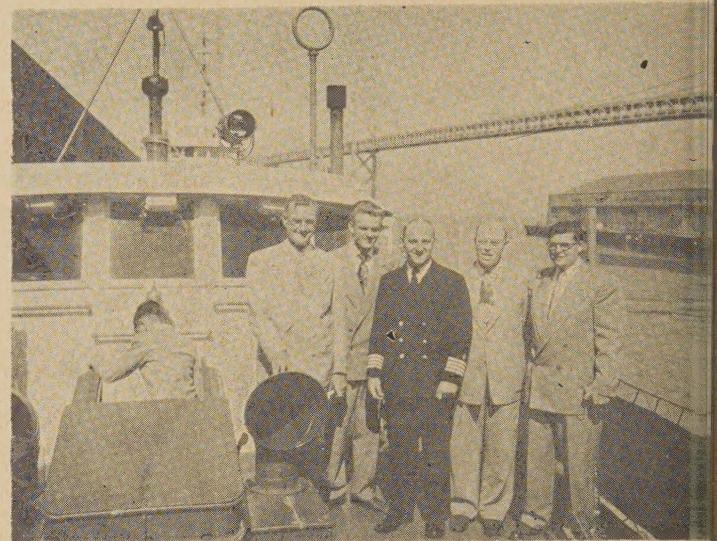
As stated before, the *Evangel* was in San Francisco for fifteen days during the month of August. During that time she underwent a few minor repairs in dry-dock and was frequently inspected by many visitors from all parts of the District. On Sunday, August 27 a Speed-the-Light rally was held at Pier 18. About 350 people crowded the dock to see and hear about this ship. Her crew was introduced, and Brother R. M. Devin



brought the message. Brother Devin is the Superintendent of the Indonesian Field and it has been his vision for many years to have such a ship that would so greatly help in the Lord's work among the Islands.

THE STATISTICS

Twin screw; Length 100 feet, beam 19 feet, 6 inches, draft 6 feet, 6 inches; Powered by two 6-cylinder GM diesels; Cruising speed—10½ miles per hour; Cruising range—3000 miles; Light and generating plant—30 KW GM Diesel; Electric anchor winches, pumps, and motors. Pilot house controlled; Completely equipped with radio and navigation equipment; Sleeping quarters for four missionaries, eight women Bible students, and 25 men Bible students; Galley fully equipped; Messing facilities for



Left—R. M. Devin at the wheel in pilot room of the M. V. *Evangel*.

Right—The crew in charge of the *Evangel*. Left to right—R. M. Devin, Modar, Bob Brougham, Earl Hitchcock and Hugh Baker.

Center—Captain Bob Brougham speaking to the crowd on the pier during Speed-the-Light rally in San Francisco.

12 at one sitting; Fully compartmented with water-tight doors; Engineroom tank compartments protected from fire by CO₂ system; Fire pump operates 200gpm; Fuel capacity—4000 gallons; Water capacity—1900 gallons.

New Group Organized in Dixie

Below are shown the charter members of our youngest organization. Back row, second from left is Pastor Stanley Walker; Bill Modar, president; Vera Moore, secretary-treasurer; Andrew Basim, vice-president; and Mrs. Walsh.



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Considering Time

by Evangelist Kenneth R. Schmidt

(A portion of a message given at the youth camp in August)

"*A wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. Because to every purpose there is time and judgment.*" Ecc. 8:5, 6.

Surely this is a thought-provoking text and subject. Let us first recognize that this text was not written by a novice but by one who was endowed by God with wisdom. He was a man of power, wealth, and influence, as well as wisdom. Solomon was in a position to speak on the subject of time. He had tried the best that the world had to offer. His throne was of solid ivory overlaid with gold. His ability is demonstrated in the three thousand stories and thousand and five songs to his credit. History records that his annual income was approximately twenty millions a year. It would profit all of us to heed his sober warning to consider time.

God has revealed and demonstrated His extravagance in many ways. He has given us unlimited air to breathe and water to use without reserve. We pick flowers by bunches, ride in the hills for miles, and fly in the clouds for hours. But it is different when it comes to time. God gives it to us just a moment at a time. And those moments we must use or lose. Our text soberly reminds us that only too soon the moments will cease to come our way and then we will be face to face with the judgment bar of eternity, where time shall be no more.

Young people, it is an absolute necessity that we recognize the importance of time. We are warned that soon we will punch life's time clock for the last time, and then we will have to give account of the use of our time. We are warned again and again by the writers of God's Holy Word to watch how we use our time.

David said in Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our heart unto wisdom." Solomon, in our text, cries, "A wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment." Our Lord cried, in prophesying the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 19:44) *Because thou knowest not the time of thy visitation.*"

The great Apostle Paul writes to the church at Ephesus (5:15, 16) "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." James (the practical)

says "*For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.*"

There can be no question but that time is the most precious element of our lives. Still many of us fail to give it consideration. When we fail to consider time in its rightful place we become fools. We cannot be independent of time, for it is a positive force in our lives. We eat, sleep, work, study, worship, and we are born and die by time. We cannot be independent of it, but it is independent of us. Sometimes we would like to compress it, and at other times we would like to expand it. But, alas, it ticks away independent of our desires.

Let us not make the mistake that many have made by failing to recognize the right use of time. A businessman told me the other day that he had lost the shirt off his back by wrong time in the New York market. A queen of England cried, "A world of money for an hour of time." John Wesley cried, after waiting for a carriage that was ten minutes late, "I've lost ten minutes for all eternity."

Time is so short, let us use it for God or we'll lose it for all eternity. An elderly man in kneeling for salvation expressed the pain of his heart. "Oh, God, I'm glad you've saved my soul. But I've lost a lifetime for all eternity."

You are young and perhaps you feel that time stretches out endlessly before you. But stop a moment to consider. Do you realize that we must spend a third of our time in bed to be up to par? Humanity is so frail, weak, puny, for we must have heat in winter or we'll freeze, cooling in summer or we'll melt. A scratch, if not properly cared for, can mean our death. A gnat can choke the life from us. Yes, dissolution is at work constantly in our bodies. Our hair and teeth come out, our hearing soon grows dull, our eyes grow dim. We must fight sickness and death at every turn of the corner. We try to maintain our youth by exercising and using all types of discoveries to keep ourselves from looking old. But it's useless, for our wrinkles and lack of vitality soon betray us. We used to say, "I'll be glad when I'm 16 . . . 18 . . . 21." But time went so fast many of us wish we were back there again. Whether we like it or not time is slip-



Kenneth Schmidt speaking at the Youth Camp evening service.

ping away from us, and we'll soon be passing.

Are we using our time so as to profit us with future and eternal dividends? Young people, do not make the mistake that countless millions have made to their eternal sorrow, by procrastinating, saying, "I'll have time later." Moments are slipping from you. God's Word states, "*Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6:2).

In a revival in a Southern California town, at the close of one of our last services, we walked back to a young lady just sixteen years of age and asked her to give her heart to the Lord. She held back for some time as if caught in the valley of indecision. Then we pleaded with her to consider the brevity of time, that God alone knew how much more time she had in this life. The tears broke in rivulets down her face. At the altar she found Christ as her Saviour and she dedicated her life and time to God. After the close of the revival we received a wire telling of this girl's untimely death. We went to visit her precious mother, who had been saved in the same meeting. She asked us to sing, "Life's day is short; I soon shall go to be with Him who loved me so." "Thank God," that mother said through her tears, "she was saved in time."

We are all marching toward a timeless eternity. Time is slipping by. We'll never pass this way again. Are you ready for your time to run out? Are you ready for the judgment? Consider your God-given time. "*A wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.*"

The time to watch yourself the closest is when you think no one else is watching you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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For Enlargement

October has been set aside as "Enlargement Month" by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. There are 37,000,000 youth in America that have had no religious instruction of any kind, beside the millions of adults.

May I ask you a question? How shall they hear unless we, as followers of Christ, take the message to them? In no place in the Scriptures do you find the Lord telling them to come to the church, but you do find many Scriptures telling us to GO with the message.

RALLY DAY—

The first Sunday of October is usually designated as "Rally Day" in our schools. After Rally Day everything returns to its normal course of events. Those that were in Sunday School on Rally Day are forgotten because they did not return again the following Sunday. It is all right to start the month of October with Rally Day, but let's keep on RALLYING. Rally means to revive, restore, or to recover strength, so Rally Day is a day when we're aroused to vigorous action.

SPECIAL NAMES FOR EACH SUNDAY—

Let's keep the rally alive by making every Sunday in October a special day. You can give each Sunday some specific name, such as, BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR SUNDAY, EACH ONE BRING SUNDAY, SURVEY SUNDAY, BUTTONHOLE SUNDAY (each member will buttonhole some one and personally invite him to attend Sunday School on that particular Sunday), FISHERMAN'S SUNDAY (when the emphasis is laid upon each member fishing for men). Thus by making every Sunday of the month of October a special Sunday, you will have something of special interest to present to your prospects when you make your contacts. Rally Day alone is not enough. Let's follow it up throughout the month.

FAMILY CENSUS—

Some of our best prospects are the members and relatives of the families of our own Sunday School members. Get a supply of family census cards (a regular census card will do) and give them out to each member of your school. Have these cards brought back on a specified day, preferably the following Sunday. The names on these cards will then be placed on prospect lists for the various classes. When this list is compiled you will have a list of prospects that will keep you busy for quite a while in visitation work.

COMMUNITY CENSUS—

It is very necessary to take a census of your community. If a census is six months old it is out of date due to the fact that so many people move in and out of the community constantly. There are many folk living within a few blocks of your church that are actually hungry for the Word of God. One of the best ways to find them is by taking a census. We have found many folk who preferred the Full Gospel, Pentecostal, Assembly of God, etc. Through consistant visitation these leads can be followed up and many of them brought into the church.

VISITATION—

Of what value are prospects to us if we do not follow them up? We are living in a busy age. People do not take time to find God, except in rare cases. We must visit them consistently. A consistant visitation program in our Sunday School is the secret of a growing Sunday School. Take those names that you have secured through these census activities and send your members out to visit them. Don't give them up as hopeless if they do not come the first time you invite them. It may take a number of visits before they will make any move toward coming to Sunday School. Many folk would have come if we had visited them just one more time. Don't give them up, the Lord died for them.

MAILING LIST—

Uncle Sam has a special messenger service that you can use to invite people to attend Sunday School. It is our great mail service. We should have a good mailing list and consistently send advertising and invitations into their homes through this medium. Business concerns have found it to pay big dividends. We can and should use it for God.

INCONSISTENCIES

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put the whole group out of the church, and are to be given credit for so doing. Instead of blaming them we should commend them for acting as they should have acted in the matter. And because Jesus did not come at the appointed time, shall we conclude that He will never come? That would surely be extreme folly.

Because some Christians do not act as

SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVAL WEEK

Let's have a Sunday School revival during the month of October. The plan is to have a one week meeting with each evening planned especially for one age group or department. If possible, some members of the particular department can provide the special music for that evening of the revival.

The evangelist will speak especially to the age group that is being featured each evening. If it is junior and intermediate night, then he will speak to the juniors and intermediates. The entire Sunday school should be encouraged to be present at each service. We have our youth revivals, why not a Sunday school revival?

The Assembly of God church of Wood River, Illinois, had just such a revival while William L. Suter was pastor there several years ago. They had made a number of contacts through a census, visitation, visitors in the Sunday school, and used this means of getting them into evangelistic service. The meetings were well advertised so that the community knew what was taking place and the services of Miss Glennys McCaulley was secured as evangelist.

The opening night of the meeting, which was Sunday, they featured the Adult Department; on Monday it was the Young People and Seniors; Tuesday, the Intermediates; Wednesday, the Juniors; and on Thursday, the Beginners and Primaries, together with their parents. Friday night was used as a rally night, when the whole school was emphasized, as well as Sunday School on Sunday morning.

William Suter, who is the brother of this writer, felt it to be one of the most successful and profitable meetings that the church had enjoyed during his ministry there. The results of the week's meeting were 48 conversions, and 28 were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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"The best kind of tact is contact."—*Sunday School Digest*.

Christians should, shall we conclude there is nothing in Christianity? Because some Pentecostal people have been fanatical, or have gone wrong doctrinally or otherwise, shall we conclude that Pentecost is a fake? Some think we should so do. But not I.

So sure am I that Pentecost is a reality, and that the experience some of us possess today is like that which the disciples received when the day of Pentecost was fully come, that should all others decide otherwise, or should all others apostatize from the faith, I shall persist in clinging thereto.

WMC Helps the Bible Institute And Makes Christmas Preparations

Your Women's Missionary Council officers pledged \$50 from the fund toward the Glad Tidings Bible Institute at the recent dedication. It should be more, if your group is not pledging through your church, why not designate an offering through our W.M.C.? A good substantial can opener was purchased by the W.M.C. for the kitchen to open the many cans of fruit and vegetables you are sending in for the school. A large box of dish towels from Grace Church, Oakland, and a number of boxes of jars of fruit and canned food were brought in the day of the dedication.

The camp truck can be sent out where large amounts are to be collected, if you will let us know. This would make a good project, along with gifts for the missionary boxes, for a harvest festival or a local church or sectional rally.

We were glad to meet the Dowdy family from Venezuela, the Bueno family from Chili, and Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst from Fiji at the dedication. These faithful missionaries are all graduates of our school.

Sister Minogue mimeographed and recently sent out some very interesting material with new suggestions and ideas, along with a list of the names and addresses of home missionaries and workers in the small churches, where Christmas boxes should be sent and Sunday schools where gifts should be sent for the children. Directors of sections not considered home missionary sections are responsible for seeing that home missionaries and Christian workers in the small churches in their sections are assigned for Christmas boxes. Your presbyter should be able to give names of new workers in your section.

Report blanks have been sent to each sectional director. She will be responsible for getting them filled out in time for District Council. Presidents and secretaries, please co-operate with your sectional director so that we can have a good report from each section.

The Renfroes, who are planning to go to Africa, have been the recipients of showers by several groups, including North San Joaquin and Peninsula sections. Reports of these have not been received; so we cannot give any details.

Mrs. Omar Goins, former W. M. C. president at El Cerrito, and also president of the Garberville W.M.C., has gone with her husband and little daughter Jannell, and young sister Clydene Hummel, to Hawaii to work for the Lord as He opens the way. She expects to do children's work on the island of Kauai.

Christmas Tree in September

Did you ever attend a Christmas party in September? We did—at Bethel Tabernacle in Oakland. Sister Eileen Edwards, missionary to India, was the promoter of this Christmas party for the missionaries.

We sang Christmas carols and had a real Christmas tree, with lights, glittering colored balls, candles, tinsel and all that goes on a tree. And such a display of beautiful and useful gifts for the missionaries: lovely dresses, nylons, ties, socks, candy, notions of all kinds and dozens of beautiful gifts. Afterwards they were Christmas wrapped and pack-

ed for mailing so that they will be received by December in various foreign mission fields.

Try a Christmas tree party in September and make the missionaries happy in December.

—Maude Daska, Church. Sec'ty

Rallies This Month

Rallies will be held in the East Bay, Capital, Coast Counties, and South San Joaquin sections. A large number of missionaries are expected to participate in the missionary convention to be held in the East Bay churches the last week of October and the first week of November.

I like something Sister Margaret Jones, speaker at the W.M.C. camp, said: "W.M.C. help for the missionary is the abundant above what they are able to think."

—MRS. R. J. T.

Attention, Graduates of GTBI

by R. A. Wilson, pastor in Roseville

(President of the Alumni Association)

In the early years of Glad Tidings Bible Institute while Brother and Sister R. J. Craig were still in charge of the school it became a custom at graduation time for the school to have a banquet in honor of the graduating class. At this time the former students and friends were welcomed and Brother Craig, acting as master of ceremonies, used to call on various ones to say a few words. These meetings were times of blessing, and many times the Power of God would fall and they would end in time of praise. After the death of Brother Craig there was a feeling that the alumni of the school should carry on these times of fellowship, so the Alumni Association was formed. Harry Warwick, who at that time was teaching in the school, helped to organize the group and was elected the first president. Others who have served as presidents are, Ruben Wilson, Ely Persing and Charles G. Weston.

In 1949 the time of meeting was changed from the close of school to the time of the District camp meeting at Bethany Park. In July the Alumni Association met for its annual business meeting and the following officers were elected to serve: Ruben A. Wilson, president; Ely Persing, vice-president, and Marjorie Maddocks secretary-treasurer.

Up to the present time the activity of the Alumni Association has been largely that of meeting together with the idea of renewing old acquaintances and to become acquainted with others who have graduated from the same school. Now with the moving of the school to the grounds of Bethany Park there seems to be a definite feeling that the influence of the alumni should be enlarged.

Chas. Weston made some very fine

suggestions which were very favorably received by those who were present. Among other things he suggested that the Alumni take an active interest in the policies and program of the school. He also suggested that those who are graduates of other General Council Bible schools and who reside in this District be invited to attend our meetings as guests.

This is a fine suggestion. Glad Tidings is sponsored by our District in buildings owned by the District. Everyone must get behind this school and make it one of the best in the fellowship. Those who are themselves graduates of Bible schools are naturally the ones who will take special interest in this school. There is no competition between our General Council Bible schools; we are working together. Glad Tidings has a special place in the plan of our educational department. It is to be kept as a Bible school with emphasis upon the three-year course. The other schools on the West Coast are going into the Bible college phase of education. This has a place, but there is a feeling that we should keep our school on the level that will meet the need of those who are not looking for a Bible college.

There is a need for the Alumni Association members to put their shoulders to the wheel and do everything they can for the school. All who have ever attended Glad Tidings are invited to send their names and addresses to the secretary, Marjorie Maddocks. She works in the District office and will receive mail sent there, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. Send in any suggestions you may have. This invitation is not only to graduates who are ministers but also to those who are laymen.

News From . . .

Here and There

Albert J. Lebeck, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, Calif.

ALAMEDA—Since the death of Pastor A. E. Osborn, the church board has appointed Sister Osborn, who is a licensed minister, to serve as acting pastor for a time.

ANGELS CAMP—Sister Alpha Shirley has been chosen to be the new pastor.

ANTIOCH—Pastor R. M. Catlett reports that many were saved and a good number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the five weeks of revival meetings Evangelist W. T. McMullan of Oklahoma held in the tent in August and early September. The tent was used on their own property all summer. Sunday, September 17, they had a ground-breaking ceremony for the new church building to be erected right away.

AUBURN—Wesley Riesholt, 1950 graduate of G.T.B.I., is the new pastor of the Indian Full Gospel Assembly, successor to John C. Wright, who has gone to the Monte Vista Christian School at Watsonville as a teacher.

BIOLA—Sister Alpha Shirley has resigned as pastor of the assembly in that community. Brother H. E. Bernard, who comes to us from Southern California, is the new pastor.

BRICELAND—Pastor C. V. Hummel of Garberville has erected a large gospel tent in the town of Briceland, which is about nine miles from Garberville. He is conducting an afternoon Sunday school and after service with the help of two other workers from his church.

CERES—Evangelist Ray Lockwood held two weeks of revival meetings and supplied the pulpit for two weeks during the vacation of Pastor Orville Painter during the summer. He reports that 31 were saved and eight were filled with the Holy Spirit during the meetings.

DALY CITY—The new pastor, succeeding Brother Melvin Steward, is J. L. Jeffrey. Brother Jeffrey has held 12 revival campaigns since he resigned from the assembly in Sebastopol in January. He wishes it known that he is ready to call on friends or relatives of any in the fellowship who will send him their addresses. His new address is Hanover and Evergreen Streets, Daly City, Calif.

FAIRFIELD—Pastor Carl R. Tucker reports: "Had a very successful revival August 8 to 27 with Brother C. G. Collins and his two special speakers, W. E. Covington and Prentiss Collins. Around 30 knelt for salvation and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The town was stirred with their miniature church and their special music, the most stirring revival Fairfield has ever had. We have celebrated our ninth anniversary as pastor here."

FRUITLAND—The Redwood fellowship meeting was held there September 11 with

Pastor H. E. Whitmarsh. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Mary E. Moore of Ripon. The evening speaker was Brother H. S. Lehmann, home on furlough from West Africa.

GREENVILLE—Pastor Vernon H. Ragsdale has resigned, effective September 27. He preached his last sermon there Sunday, the 24th. It is arranged that Donald North will be the new pastor. Brother Ragsdale is going into Evangelistic work, his first campaign beginning October 1 in San Miguel, which is in the Southern California District. His mailing address is 802 Sixth Ave., Delano, Calif.

LAKEPORT—Pastor S. S. Webster reports having a very inspiring and interesting meeting with Brother and Sister Ralph Williams, missionaries from El Salvador, September 8.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—The assembly has chosen Thomas G. Sutton of Fostoria, Ohio, to be the new pastor, to succeed Brother John F. Green. Brother Sutton is a former C.A. president of Ohio. Brother and Sister Green have gone East for a visit.

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Christensen of Minnesota began revival meetings there September 10. Brother and Sister W. C. McPheeters are the pastors.

LOWER LAKE—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held in Lower Lake September 11. A good number attended the afternoon meeting. Pastor Mack Lancaster of Rockport was the speaker. The evening service was very well attended. The speaker for this service was Evangelist James Adkins, who has recently returned from the Philippines. The pastor in Lower Lake is Jack Colas.

MADERA—Many were saved, a good number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high during the revival campaign Brother and Sister Earl F. Davis held for two weeks ending September 10. The pastor is Gobel Lawrence.

MARYSVILLE—The assembly in Marysville is soon going to have a new church building. It has purchased three lots in the East Marysville Heights addition and is gathering materials for the construction which will soon be under way. The blueprints are completed. They call for a stuccoed building with redwood trim. It is planned that the building, 45x80, will have an auditorium large enough to seat 400 people. The pastor is W. E. Hubbard.

MILL VALLEY—Brother J. Kirk Soper, Jr. has accepted the pastorate of the Full Gospel work started some months ago in that community.

NEWARK—The new pastor, successor to Brother H. C. Vancil, who built the

lovely new church building, is Brother Riley Kaufman of Seattle. Brother Kaufman has been serving as assistant pastor to Watson Argue and musical director of the large Seattle church.

NOVATO—The new gospel work started by the students of G.T.B.I. a little more than a year ago is developing into a small assembly. Brother Charles A. Hartman, graduate of '50, is now its pastor.

OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle)—In the revival campaign with Evangelist Fer Huffstutler entered into the fifth week mid-September, the tabernacle office reports that over 400 had responded to the altar calls, scores have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and many had received healing. The pastor is C. J. Lowry.

OLIVEHURST—Evangelists Kathleen Carter and Rosemary Berlin began a revival campaign September 17 for Pastor W. A. Frazier.

PITTSBURG—Pastor Andy Martindale has two radio programs a week over KEC 990 kc. Wednesday 8:00 to 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

RICHMOND—During the absence of Pastor C. E. Persing, away in August to the speaker at the Wyoming camp meeting and for some vacation, Brother Douglas Cooksey supplied the pulpit.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—Crowds have been large and response good in the revival campaign held by Evangelist Paul Gaston for four weeks ending September 24. Bethel Temple is joining in the Golden Empire Centennial revival, a union effort with over 40 Sacramento churches participating. Keith J. Hill, assistant pastor of Bethel, the music director for the union meeting. Pastor N. E. Hinman is assistant chairman of the committee. Brother Paul Gaston was the speaker for the Capitol section fellowship meeting held in Bethel Temple September 11.

SAN LORENZO—Evangelist Dixie Pe Thollander held three weeks of revival meetings for Pastor John L. Griffin in August. Prior to these meetings Brothers and Sister Harry Thollander were in Washington and Oregon holding meetings during the summer. Since early September Evangelist Paul H. Ralston has been helping in the ministry of the San Lorenzo Tabernacle.

SAUSALITO—Pastor O. A. Robert reports that between 10 and 15 children knelt at the altar for salvation during meetings. Phil and Eunice Lindvall held the latter part of July, and there was at the same response in two vacation Bible classes held in private homes. The ad also found the meetings and classes to be real blessing.

SONORA—Brother George H. Barr resigned as pastor, the resignation to be effective the latter part of October when his successor is chosen. The assembly has enjoyed good growth during the past year. Brother Barr has served as leader and minister.

SOQUEL—Pastor Elizabeth Mehrin

orts: "We had four weeks of revival meetings with Leonard Miller and Wilford Zer with some wonderful results which still paying off. Our Sunday school reased to 50. It was 13 a year ago. Seven ls were at the altar for salvation and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. all this we praise God. The young people were built up spiritually."

USANVILLE—Sister Mildred Howard ed in for Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth R. ney for the month of August. She also ducted a daily vacation Bible school for weeks. It had an enrollment of 92.

UTTER CREEK—Sister Lillian Hamil has been holding an open air revival apaign on Sutter Hill. At the end of the t week all the seats were filled and ers listened from their cars.

TURLOCK—On August 29 Evangelist nneth Schmidt began a revival camgn to run for three weeks. The pastor R. Carrington.

ACAVILLE—Pastor J. Kirk Soper, Jr., resigned from the church there to go Mill Valley. Brother Melvin Steward, merly of Daly City, is the new pastor.

VEED—Pastor Albert Rowley, who is o the District presbyter of that section, orts having a good day of blessing September 19, when the Shasta district fellowp meeting was held there. The aftern speaker was Pastor J. O. Jorgensen of nsmuir. Pastor F. R. Hoole of Burney ought the evening message.

WITH THE LORD

A long life of Christian service came to close Wednesday morning, September 2 when Sister Nettie Clark of Alameda s taken by death. She had been a mber of our District Council fellowp for 22 years, and prior to coming into the Pentecostal movement she had been minister with another denomination a number of years. She engaged in angelistic work at times and served pastor for a number of years in several our churches, among them Alameda, no, and Gilroy. Reaching one year st the allotted three score years and she had to curtail some of her activis in recent years because of impaired alth. Besides her husband, Samuel T. ark, who, himself not a minister, did at he could to provide a helpful backound for her life and ministry, Sister ark left two daughters and four grandldren, as well as a host of friends. any did not learn of her passing until e funeral had taken place. It was held day, September 22 at the Robinson ortuary, Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland. other Gaston and Brother Thurmond ned Pastor E. E. Krogstad in the rites. ey went with the remains to Gilroy d assisted Pastor J. W. Belchar with e graveside service there, the place of rial.

Let us pray for the family at this time bereavement and readjustment, that ey shall know the comforting ministry the Holy Spirit.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brother and Sister OMAR GOINS (she is the former Rosemary Hummer) sailed September 8 for the Hawaiian Islands. They are going to supply for Brother Spurgeon Oren at Linne, on the island of Kauai. When the Orens return to the islands, Brother and Sister Goms will continue on in the island missionary endeavor. They have been assisting Pastor H. V. Hummer in Garberville for the past two years. Brother Goms graduated from G.T.B.I. in 1942.

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Brother and Sister RALPH WILLIAMS have returned from El Salvador to settle in California for a while. Brother Williams has been made the head of the Latin-American Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Prior to taking up his new duties, Brother and Sister Williams have been visiting a short while in this District.

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AGNES RODLI and **MILDRED JAMES** were warmly welcomed back to Nikolai, their station in Alaska. Sister Rodli has been certified as a teacher, so they can carry on their school work and will receive some remuneration for their services.

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This last summer Evangelist STANLEY MacPHERSON was in meetings in Alberta, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, and Ohio. In January he will return to Jamaica for three months.

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DOROTHY MARTIN of South San Francisco held revival meetings in Texas in July.

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ALBERT LEBECK was one of the main speakers at the state convention of the Gideons held in Fresno October 6, 7, and 8. He was called to speak and conduct the election, as well as install the new officers, of the Fresno camp of Gideons.

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Evangelist MYRTLE WOLFORD has moved to Arizona and has had her membership transferred to that District. Her new address is 325 North Laurel Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

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Evangelist H. T. LANGLEY is open for meetings, either pastoral or evangelistic. He has a new mailing address: P. O. Box 637, Oakland, Calif.

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Evangelist J. R. VEST has a new address: 708 Lassen Avenue, Modesto, Calif.

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FOR SALE: Orchid-ivory accordion, 80 bass. \$150.00. For further particulars write Mary Fillon, 2951 South Odell St., Stockton 6, Calif.

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SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

OCTOBER

- 9—Boonville, Lafayette
- 16—Blue Lake, Boyes Springs, Fallon
- 17—Tulelake
- 23—Santa Cruz
- 30—Redding

NOVEMBER

- 6—Richmond, Rohnerville, Sonora, Westwood
- 13—Ukiah, Walnut Creek
- 20—Sausalito
- 21—Burney
- 27—Watsonville (Pajaro)

PRESBYTERS MEETING

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Evangel, was made its editor for the next two years.

Though the matter of the unethical practices of some in the raising of missionary funds was discussed, this problem was left for the Districts concerned to deal with.

Because of the stand Brother W. I. Nunes has taken in doctrine and practices alien to those of our Assemblies of God, it was voted to advise the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, where he holds fellowship, that a recommendation was passed to withdraw endorsement of his ministry.

It was passed that all applications for transfer from other organizations be submitted to the General Council office before being accepted.

Due to the rise in living costs, a ten per cent salary increase was granted the executive brethren.

The General Treasurer, W. A. Brown, is to send a notice to each minister periodically showing the amount he has sent in and any deficit, if any, from the requested amount of \$1.50 per month.

We had three good days to work and fellowship together in weather conditions which were more pleasant than they have been in some former years when we have met there. But it is good to be back in California, the land of the redwoods, towering mountains and sweeping valleys, on the edge of the great Pacific.

—R. J. T.

STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

—that often a man is satisfied with so little in himself, but demands so much in others.

It requires constant vigilance to keep from condemning a man simply because he is different from us.

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Defeat is not bitter, if we don't swallow it.

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What we call sin in other people's lives, we call experience in our own.

Missions

SAMOA—

The Winkelmanns

New Station

We opened a work in the village of Fagasa on June 30, with an attendance of about 30 and the blessing of the Lord in our midst. The Christians who went from our Pago church came home rejoicing, happy to have a part in bringing the gospel in song and testimony to the people over the mountain. Though it is quite a climb over the mountain trail they were glad to go again for more services. We have put one of the native workers in charge, a fine consecrated young man. His name is Soti, but we have named him Timothy. Please pray with us, for some of the chiefs are trying to stop the people from attending the meetings.

The work here at our Pago church is going along nicely and increasing in numbers both in church attendance and in Sunday school. Also the church in Aua has numbers of new ones coming to the services. We have some lumber for the new church to be built there and are waiting to have the land surveyed. Please pray that funds will come in so that we can complete the building.

(Brother and Sister Herman Winkelmann are expecting to come home on furlough soon, possibly this year.)

SAMOA—

M. H. Luce

New School

On the day that the Governor of American Samoa signed the 20-year lease for the property on which to establish the Pago Pago Christian School, it was a great occasion for giving thanks and praise to the Lord. Since that glad day, other eventful occurrences have taken place to bring expectations of the new school and your prayer of faith closer to fulfillment. Building plans have been approved and a school license has been granted by the Department of Education.

During the time that these things were happening, it was decided that Pato should become a legal member of the family. The father and mother gave their consent, then the necessary papers were drawn up. When it came time for Pato to answer the judge's questions in court, she said, "I want to be Cola and Lusi's girl and live with them always." Her name is now Pato Honeybelle Luce, and she loves it.

A few weeks ago it was found necessary to purchase a small piece of land adjacent to the school property for a right of way. Since land laws in Samoa do not permit whites to hold land title, our progress was held back until it was remembered that our Samoan daughter could hold land ownership. The land was then purchased in her name.

Future school plans include the devel-

opment of the lower grades (1 to 6) in order to conform with the Department of Education requirements. Religious education will also be given to the lower grades. Bible training for future pastors and teachers will be expanded to meet the need of qualified student candidates.

A 33-foot Navy surplus launch was purchased for \$12.50 (without motor). This launch was moved to the school property, where our young men have begun the work of repairing and reconditioning. All of the siding must be torn off and replaced with new marine plywood. A rebuilt diesel engine will be installed. The cost of materials for this project will amount to several hundred dollars, but the investment will be of much greater value to the work of Samoan missions than the cost. We are trusting the Lord to lay this need upon the hearts of those who are able and willing to share this expense. The launch will be used daily to transport school children across the bay and to carry gospel workers to island villages that are inaccessible by roads. It may also be possible at a later date to develop a mission circuit among the nearby islands of the Samoan archipelago.

PHILIPPINES—

Clyde Shields

Many Americans are leaving the Islands now, and some of the missionaries are going home. We are told that ships and planes are filled with passengers booked for two months in advance. This whole nation seems to be trembling, and the outlook is gloomy and foreboding for the man who does not trust in the Lord. Living costs have risen tremendously. Soon it will be impossible to exist except on the barest of necessities of things to eat and wear.

As we look at the future it seems that we must do quickly what has to be done. Shades of night are falling fast, and those who will hear the gospel for their first time, and probably last time, must hear it now. We are taking the Word of God to Narvecan, one of the most wicked towns in the Philippines. Due to climatic conditions we have had to close one of our outstations until the dry season comes. But where we can we preach Christ.

Our work in Santa Maria continues right along. We hope that all of the converts will do their part in witnessing wherever they go between services. Six of our young people are leaving for Manila and Bible school, so we shall have to double our efforts and do more for the Lord. Now these able workers are away for study.

New Missionary

Lorin Bernard weighed six pounds when he arrived July 25 in the home of Brother and Sister Clyde V. Shields.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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FROM FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Lake-Mendocino section	\$178.45
Lassen-Plumas section	49.00
North Bay section	120.20
North San Joaquin section	117.34
Peninsula section	405.51
Sacramento Valley section	76.51
South San Joaquin section	106.51
C. A. Convention, Eureka	106.61
Salinas Valley	20.81
Camp Forward Youth Camp	10.00

FROM INDIVIDUALS

\$1.199.00—E. Christoffersen, Turlock
\$1.000—Earl A. Lombard, San Diego
\$500.00

W. T. Gaston, Santa Cruz
Mrs. Beulah Spencer, Sacramento
\$250.00—L. E. Bersinger, Santa Cruz
\$200.00

E. A. Kirkish, Cupertino
W. T. Scott, Oroville
\$149.00—L. E. Weston, Salinas
\$130.00—C. R. Peterson, Santa Cruz
\$125.00—S. R. Malick, Madera
\$120.00

R. Carrington, Turlock

E. J. Sadler, Sacramento

\$113.97—Mrs. E. Mehringer, Soquel

\$105.00—Mrs. M. Lehto, San Jose

\$100.00

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Bob J. Roberts, Ukiah

E. J. Sutton, Tracy

R. J. Thurmond, Santa Cruz

J. R. Vest, Modesto

Western Lumber Co., Stockton

L. F. Wilson, Fort Bragg

\$89.40—J. R. Edgar, Ukiah

\$75.00

J. W. Belchar, Gilroy

L. A. Constant, Santa Cruz

P. R. Ford, Delhi

A. H. Persing, Los Gatos

V. E. Shores, Oakland

\$69.00—C. J. Hodges, Seaside

\$50.00

D. Q. Boyd, San Pedro

J. M. Camm, South S.F.

L. May Craig, Santa Cruz

Paul Craig, Santa Cruz

Maude M. Cross

Earl F. Davis, Santa Cruz

R. T. Esterline, Hilts

Word has been received that Sister Inez Kreiss in India has been very ill for many weeks. Prayer for her health will be greatly appreciated.

If we had better sight everybody would be good looking.

L. L. Ferguson, Martinez	Helen Nicholson	Harry Oeth, Modesto
G. A. Fletcher, Santa Cruz	Nels Olsen, Chico	Bernard Parriott, Petaluma
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R. O. Price, Watsonville	R. L. Wheeler, Redding	\$7.00
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F. T. Alford, Boonville	\$14.00—Mario Di Nicola, San Jose	Sylvia Watkins, Blocksburg
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Travis F. Baker, Placerville	\$12.00—C. E. Freeze, Grass Valley	Hazel Youngman, Lodi
Edward Byram, Fresno	\$10.00	\$4.00 —Ralph Pickering, Menlo Park
H. D. Byram, Redding	J. A. Benney, Yreka	\$2.00 —L. A. Lawrence, Mountain View
B. R. Cashion, Manteca	R. Bertenshaw & J. Peterson, Portola	\$1.00
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	Mae Ninemire, Herlong	

THE REASON WHY

When someone asked a missionary if he liked his work in Africa, he replied: "Do I like this work? No; my wife and I do not like dirt. We have reasonably refined sensibilities. We do not like crawling into vile huts through goat refuse. We do not like association with ignorant, filthy brutish people. But is a man to do nothing for Christ he does not like? God pity him, if not. Liking or disliking has nothing to do with it. We have orders to 'go' and we go. Love constrains us."

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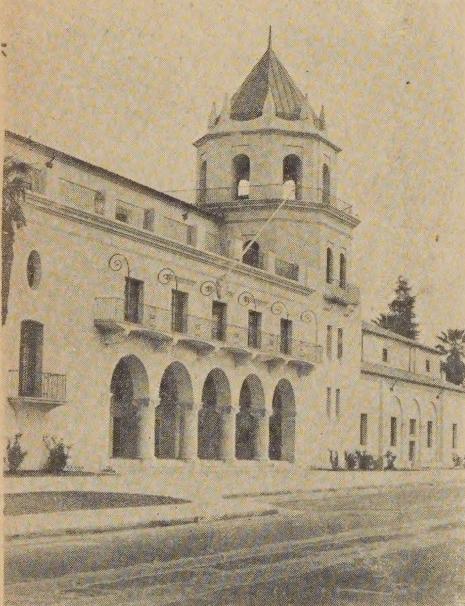
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